

justice of the peace having jurisdiction thereof; but this act shall not be construed as applying to any such act which is already declared an offense by any statute or law now existing in this State.

When act to
take effect.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Approved March 5, 1877.

CHAPTER 136.

AN ACT TO PREVENT TOWN BOARDS FROM LETTING CONTRACTS TO ITS OWN MEMBERS.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Town officers
must not be
interested in
contracts.

SECTION 1. No town officer shall become a party to or interested, directly or indirectly, in any contract made by the board of which he may be a member; and every contract or payment voted for or made contrary to the provision of this section, is void; and any violation of this section hereafter committed shall be a malfeasance in office, which will subject the officer so offending to be removed from office.

When act to
take effect.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force on and after its passage.

Approved March 3, 1877.

CHAPTER 137.

AN ACT TO COMPEL THE VARIOUS BOARDS OF HEALTH OF TOWNS, VILLAGES AND CITIES IN THIS STATE, TO ADOPT QUARANTINE AND SANITARY MEASURES WITH REGARD TO SCARLATINA.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of any and every member

of all boards of health within this State, whenever they are informed that there is a case of scarlet fever within the territory over which the board of health of which he is a member has jurisdiction, to notify a majority of said board of such supposed facts within six (6) hours after said information is received by said member of said board, and they shall immediately examine into the facts of the case, and if the disease appears to be scarlet fever, they shall adopt such quarantine and sanitary measures as may, in their judgment, tend to prevent the spread of said disease, in its locality.

Duties of boards of health relating to scarlet fever.

SEC. 2. And said board of health shall have power to forbid, by notices posted upon the entrances to premises where there may be a patient sick with scarlatina, any person except the medical attendant and his advisors, from going to or leaving said premises without their permission, or carrying, or causing to be carried, any material whereby said disease may be conveyed, until after said disease has abated and the premises, dwelling and clothing have been rendered free from disease, by such disinfecting means as the board may direct; and if said board shall be informed that the above, or any reasonable and sanitary measures which they have adopted and made public, is or has been violated, then [the] said board may cause said offender against this act to be apprehended and brought before an officer having jurisdiction; and said offender shall, upon conviction, be liable to a fine in the sum of not less [than] five dollars (\$5) nor more than twenty-five dollars (\$25) for any violation under this act. Any member of any board of health who shall neglect his duties under the provisions of this act, shall be liable, upon conviction in a court having competent jurisdiction, to be fined in a sum not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100) for the first offense; and for conviction for violation of this act the second time shall, in addition to the fines already provided, become disqualified from holding the office of, or to which is attached the duties of, a member of a board of health.

Precautions and preventions.

Penalties for violation.

SEC. 3. All fines collected under this act shall be placed to the credit of the general fund of the city, village or town in which the offense is committed.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

When act to take effect.

Approved March 2, 1877.